concerned States to expedite the payment of their share cost to Gujarat.

Dilapidated Conditions of Monuments in U.P.

311. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of that priceless monuments of archaeological importance are in dilapidated condition in Faizabad, Farrukhabad and Aligarh districts of Uttar Pradesh due to their inadequate maintenance;

(b) whether the Government propose to take appropriate steps for their maintenance and protection in future; and

(c) if so, the project-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) The monuments under central protection are kept in good maintenance by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Action Plan for Sardar Sarovar Canal

312. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the Government of Gujarat to prepare a three year time bound action plan for completion of Sardar Sarovar Canal and distribution system;

(b) if so, whether sufficient funds would be made available to the Gujarat Government for the purpose;

(c) whether the Gujarat Government have demanded Rs. 150 crores grant for next year instead of proposed Rs. 100 crores; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Kottapuram-Kollam Waterway

313. SHRI T. GOVINDAN :
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have given any direction to the National Waterway Authority of India to release immediately the full amount for the development of the declared West Coast Canal as National Waterway III and also to allot additional funds, if necessary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to study the feasibility for extension of the Inland National Waterway III from Kottappuram to Kasaragod in the North, and from Kollam to Kovalam in the South and to make adequate provision for the same in the Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Developmental works on National Waterway are being implemented by the Inland Waterways Authority of India. Funds for the various developmental activities are provided to IWAI by scheme-wise grants from the Central Budget every year. A sum of Rs. 4.00 crores has been provided in the year 1996-97 for undertaking developmental works on National Waterway-3 in Kerala. The provision is expected to be fully utilised. Requirements of adequate funds are being projected for next financial year also.

(c) Techno-economic feasibility of development of navigation in Kottapuram-Kasaragod and Kollam-Kovalam stretches of West Coast Canal were studied in phases during the period 1989 to 1993. The studies brought out that development of navigation in above stretches are technically complex and economically unviable. However, a study has been entrusted to the National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC) for reviewing the earlier studies. The study by NATPAC is expected to be completed by end of March, 1997. Provisions for development work on Kottapuram-Kasaragod and Kollam-Kovalam stretches have been suggested for 9th Plan by the working group on IWT. Further steps for development of these stretches as National Waterway will be taken based on outcome of the ongoing study.

Ayurvedic Medicine Scam

314. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has completed its investigation in the matter of ayurvedic medicine purchase scam in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the findings of the Bureau and the details of the persons involved in the scam; and

(c) the action, the Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Insurgent Activities in North Eastern Area

315. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ISI Pakistan is suspected to have a base in Bangladesh to continue its insurgent activities in the north-eastern area of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to discuss the matter with Bangladesh to ensure that its territory is not used by forces hostile to India ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) The Government is aware of anti-India activities including support to Indian insurgents in our North-Eastern States, by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence inside Bangladesh. Our concerns at such activities are taken up on a regular basis with the Government of Bangladesh. The matter has been discussed at high levels during the visit of External Affairs Minister to Dhaka from September 6-9, 1996 and during the visit of Prime Minister to Dhaka from January 6-7, 1997. Both sides have agreed to work together to counter terrorism and insurgency activities and stated that they would not permit their territories to be used for any activity targeted against the other. The Bangladesh Prime Minister has referred to the commitment and determination of Bangladesh and India as friendliest neighbouring countries to eliminate any kind of terrorism or insurgency that may affect our respective national interest. There has been further interaction to ensure that Bangladesh territory is not used by forces hostile to India through reactivation of the Joint Working Group of the two countries.

National Waterways in Kerala

316. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any obstructions from any quarters regarding the development of National Waterways;

(b) the present position of the National Waterways in Kerala State; and

(c) the potential of revenue that can be earned from passenger and goods traffic per annum from the waterways of Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Kollam to Kottapuram stretch of West Coast Canal alongwith Udyogmandal and Champakara canals in Kerala having a total length of approximately 205 kms. is a National Waterway. Champakara Canal, Udyogmandal Canal and Kochi-Edapallikota sections of West Coast Canal are presently being used for navigation by mechanised cargo vessels. Dredging works, repair and modification of locks, day navigational aids, hydrographic surveys are being carried out in this waterway regularly by IWAI. Schemes for land acquisition and capital dredging for widening of narrow stretches of the canals have been prepared.

(c) Techno-Economic studies conducted have indicated that the national waterway when developed can provide an alternate mode with substantial reduction in cost of transportation for passenger as well as goods. Revenue will accrue on account of Cargo/passenger services when the waterway establishes itself over a period of time. Traffic would depend on several factors including the growth of the IWT mode. No assessment of the revenue has been made in the Techno-Economic Studies.

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Primary Health Centre in U.P.

317. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been acute shortage of doctors/ pharmaceutists in primary health centres of Uttaranchal region in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether very small quantity of medicines is being supplied to these health centres;

(c) the names of areas where the aforesaid posts are lying vacant and the quantum of medicines being supplied to each of the Primary Health Centre;

(d) whether Government propose to fill up these vacant posts and to increase the quantum of medicines to be supplied to these centres; and

(e) if so, the action being taken in that regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) As this is a State Subject the Central Government does not maintain region-wise details. However, as per information available from State Govt. as on 30.6.96 details of vacancy position of doctors and pharmacists in the State of Uttar Pradesh is given in the attached Statement.

The Primary Health Centres are established and maintained by the State Governments under the Minimum Needs Programme. The medicines are supplied to the Primary Health Centres by the State Government through their own budget. The posting of medical and para-medical staff and supply of medicines comes under the purview of the State Governments.